UW holds vigil for slain Hong Kongers

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Students hold vigil for Hong Kong protest victims

Students at UW held a vigil on Oct. 28 at SLC Great Hall for Hong Kong protestors who have died in riots against the encroaching Chinese government.

“This vigil is for all the people, not just those who committed suicide but the 144 ‘suspicious deaths,’” the organizer of the vigil said.

The organizer, who wished to remain anonymous fearing retribution from the Chinese government, said the victims who died have been declared ‘suicide cases’ by the police. Most victims were identified as activists or protestors arrested by the police during the riots. “We have found bodies in the water with hands tied in the back. When we called the police to inquire, they told us these were suicides, but it makes no sense,” he said.

Protests have rocked Hong Kong every weekend since Mar. 31. On July 21, the organizer said armed, masked men claiming to be police took to the streets. The masked men attacked both protestors and bystanders alike in the city’s subway stations. There are still three people missing following the Hong Kong subway attack. “Since then, there has been a huge increase in these so-called ‘suicide cases’ following the weekend protests,” the organizer said.

He said Hong Kong is in a de facto civil war between the Chinese government, the Hong Kong government, and Hong Kongers. The movement began with a single bill called the Hong Kong-China extradition bill, which would allow the Chinese government to arrest anyone in Hong Kong, and freeze their assets at any time. The law contradicts the One country, two systems’ constitutional principle that was created for the reunification of China during the early 1980s. The system allowed Hong Kong and Macau to continue to have their own governmental system, legal, economic and financial affairs, including trade relations with foreign countries, all of which were supposedly independent from those of mainland China.

“Citizens of Hong Kong are protesting against the bill because basically China is trying to resolve the ‘One country, two systems’ policy that was promised,” the organizer said.

Although the government has withdrawn the bill, the citizens continue to protest and are not willing to settle until the remaining four demands of theirs are heard which include retracting the government’s labelling the protests as “riots,” releasing arrested protestors, calling into question the level of force used by the police during the protests and establishing a true democratic system for selecting Hong Kong’s Chief Executive.

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10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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Columbia Room A & B

UW students mourn the deaths of student protestors in Hong Kong.
WUSA General Meeting

The WUSA Fall 2019 General Meeting, chaired by Michael Beauchemin, President of WUSA, was held on Oct. 22. WUSA general meetings are held every Fall and Winter to give all UW undergraduate students a chance to voice their opinions on campus-wide issues.

Due to a low initial turnout at the event, Beauchemin and other representatives delayed the meeting by an hour from 4:30 pm in an attempt to persuade students to join. According to bylaws, at least 200 people must attend an event either in person or by proxy in order for the event to host a public vote. The general meeting eventually started at 5:30 pm.

The meeting opened with items that were required to be disclosed as per bylaws. Such bylaw-required items consisted of opening remarks, the approval of the agenda, and the approval of the minutes from the Winter 2019 General Meeting.

The meeting was then divided by member-submitted proposals, in which students voiced their own issues about UW, as well as governance and administrative items that covered financial and legal amendments to WUSA’s operations. Students were given the opportunity to elaborate on each proposal in a discussion and vote on which proposal to accept.

Seneca Velling, WUSA VP Operations and Finance, led the fees and finances section of the governance and administrative items to be addressed in the meeting. In addition to the approval of accounting firm PriceWaterHouseCoopers, LLP as the official auditors between Fall 2020 and Fall 2022 terms, Velling proposed a new capital improvement plan fee. The fee aimed at improving the quality of capital assets throughout the campus, which included wheelchair accessibility features, among others.

If there’s an accessibility effort, it needs to be made. We need to honour this space to support students, and that’s really tough to do if we don’t have funds available for it,” Velling said. "We’re going to be designing for lounge space repairs. It would be designed for things that further enhance capital maintenance of a building — for example, SLC — or capital improvements for student spaces."

Velling also proposed a notion to increase transparency on the Student Life Centre Fee.

"The net change on you as a student is zero; no fee increase, no fee decrease, just calibration," Velling said. "But the difference is, you then get control over those fees. This meeting, the Students' Council, the Board of Directors, and your elected representatives and decision makers get to make decisions on the use of your money. That means there’s more accountability for how your fees are adjusted to you directly and you get to be part of the conversation afterwards."

In addition, several amendments to the bylaws were proposed. They included changes in Articles 4, 5, 9, and 11, with each section focusing on dues, general meetings, officers, and elections and referenda, respectively.

The member-submitted proposals were diverse and consisted of 15 proposals that included issues such as greater recognition for Remembrance Day, a new FedBus route to Ottawa, and increased bicycle security measures.

One proposal by member Nasir Nurhalil to improve UW’s sustainability procedures led to a discussion by Matt Thijsse, UW Sustainability Manager.

Thijsse explained several projects UW already implemented, as well as goals the institution hoped to achieve in the near future, all of which could be found in the Environment Sustainability Strategy report on the Sustainability website.

"We’re extremely transparent compared to campuses when it comes to publishing information on our sustainability efforts," Thijsse said. "We carry trust in anything from how much waste we produce, to how much we recycle as a campus, to what our carbon footprint is in terms of emissions to generate on-campus operations, from commuting, to waste, to water usage and a whole bunch of other sources."

For information on the General Meeting, and how to get involved, visit the WUSA website at https://wusa.ca/.

Chilly bike lanes

Waterloo’s new bike lanes should have most of their barriers completely installed by the end of the week, according to the Region of Waterloo.

But that doesn’t include Erb Street. The bike lane barriers were supposed to be installed this summer, but construction was postponed to the beginning of Oct. Hundreds of billboards and signs had to be replaced due to the construction.

Once completed the bike lanes will run on University Ave. W., from UW to King St. N. King St. N. to Columbia St. W. A largely completed section now runs on Columbia St. W., from King St. N., to Hagey Blvd. The barriers are also being installed on Erb St., connecting Surline and Laurel trails, and some of Albert St., from Seagram Dr. to University Ave.

The new lanes are part of an 18 month pilot project to connect the city’s disparate cycling infrastructure.

But the delay in construction means these bike lanes are being unveiled well after prime biking season.

Ian Young, the Region of Waterloo’s bike lane expansion project manager, said he thinks the pilot project might work because it doesn’t decrease the number of vehicle lanes. "The overall impact can be monitored. We will be monitoring how much of the change there is to the traffic pattern on University Avenue," he said.

Young defended launching the bike lanes right before winter. "A big reason for this project is to assess how difficult and how costly it is to do winter maintenance on these types of lanes. It is very important we have experience with this in all weather conditions," Young said.

He hopes putting these barriers in the cold weather will help assess the costs for winter maintenance.

Matthew Rafuse, from the UW Bike Centre, believes that installing the barriers even in the winter will be useful in the future.

"It will be better for pedestrians, it will be better for drivers, it will be better for cyclists," he said. "A lot of people want to ride their bikes, but they are not comfortable on the streets even if there is a painted bike lane because it is just not safe."

UW students said they hope the barriers will be added benefit to all transportation users, especially bike users.

"It’s good for skateboarders and knowing that the lane creates safety for bicycles, I feel pedestrians also feel safer," Tooba Abdullah, a student, said.
ION rail: Meet me in the mid (town)

Andrew Rutland
Reporter

This installment of our ION stop adventures will finally cross into the “K” of “KW”. The twin cities’ bigger, grittier half, Kitchener offers an exciting urban landscape with lots to explore.

Grand River Hospital Station
As the only ION stop in Midtown, there’s a lot to highlight here. Before arriving at this station, you’ll notice the iconic Waterloo sign just south of Union St. — the official boundary between Kitchener and Waterloo.

With the hospital taking up a lot of the real estate surrounding the station, it may seem like there’s nothing to do here besides a trip to the ER, but if you walk behind the hospital on any nearby street, you’ll find arguably Midtown’s best feature: Belmont Village.

This charming strip feels like a town of its own. There are plenty of shops, restaurants, and bars, and the strip is a great place to explore on foot. You can start with Arabella Park, a bar with a huge variety of beers from breweries near and far, and a great patio. Across the street is a real greasy spoon: Checkerboard Restaurant.

At this hole in the wall you can get a full breakfast spread with a coffee for well under $10, with plenty of money leftover to spend elsewhere on the strip. This is a place you’ll have to explore on your own but trust me — it’s well worth the trip from the station.

Central Station
One of ION’s most iconic stops, Central Station is near the middle of the ION network and will open one day be part of the Regional Transit Hub where GRT’s ION and buses, VIA, and GO trains will all come together. It already feels like the ceremonial gateway to Downtown Kitchener, surrounded by the crystalline Google Headquarters, UW’s School of Pharmacy with its stunning botanical artwork, Kaufmann Lofts — the foodwear factory turned condominium — and the towering One Victoria building. Walk south along Victoria St. to the Tannery building, home to Communitex and a number of other tech and entrepreneurial spaces including the Velocity spaces. Also in this building is the spacious and elegant Balzac’s Coffee and Abe Erb’s second location.

If you go north instead, you can see more adaptive reuse of old buildings, including the building at 283 Duke St. West which contains the exciting Adventure Rooms Canada — an affordable and fun escape room experience! Near here you can connect to the GO train to travel towards Guelph or Toronto.

Victoria Park Station
At Victoria Park station, you can walk towards the old Berlin Clocktower and continue until you hit Victoria Park Lake. Serving as Downtown Kitchener’s backyard, the park is filled with people enjoying the calm waters, shadowed by the graceful branches of great old trees. The bridges and islands can make you feel like you’ve been transported into a Monet painting. Back at the station, Charles St. has plenty to offer as well. Across the old Charles St. Terminal — a land now in limbo — is a row of shops, such as DNA, where you can buy KW-themed threads, and Café Pyrus, a vegan-friendly café with some of the best lunch in town.

Sometimes you need to look beyond the platform to find the gems each stop has to offer.

The ION Rail passes through Central Station on its way from Kitchener’s centre.

Climate strikes haven’t struck out

Srîranjini Raman, a second-year Environment Resources and Sustainability student who was at the protest said that the Fridays for Future strikes happen at levels: at the local level, provincial level, national level, and a global level.

“The global and national strikes happen on dates that are planned and decided by students who want to protest and are with the Fridays for Future, but locally, we just do it every Friday because we think it’s important to raise awareness,” Raman said.

Niu said students are demanding UW to take a more proactive approach to fighting climate change, and are critical of the current UW environmental sustainability strategy.

“The document is not accessible and is difficult to understand for the general UW community,” Niu said.

“The entire UW environmental sustainability strategy document uses professional sounding language and a lot of jargon words are thrown around,” she said.

In 2015, UW established the President’s Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and the Sustainability Office.

Niu pointed out that there is not enough concrete action from UW’s objectives and that using 2015 as the baseline for net carbon emissions is unreasonable.

In Fall 2017, UW disclosed some of its current investments, which showed that the university invested at least $68 million in the top 200 fossil fuel sectors.

“They’re investing in fossil fuel companies [and] basically depending on these companies to make money from extracting fossil fuels which means it’s supporting the sector and profiting from it,” Niu said.

She urged the university to follow suit with the University of California which has recently ended its investment of $150 million in fossil fuel due to the financial risk the industry presents.

“I think UW could look at other options because there are studies out there that indicates that the fossil fuel industry currently a risky investment,” Niu said.

The movement also hopes to raise awareness amongst students to help them be more sustainable, Raman said.

“So many places on campus offer things like bringing your own mug and you get 10 per cent off, so through conscious consumerism, being aware of those small decisions could help you be more sustainable,” she said.
Campus Question

What do you think will be the most popular Halloween costume?

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Ben Corrigan, 1A Planning

“I think with the release of the Joker (movie) a couple of weeks ago, I really believe it will be the most popular Halloween costume. Great way to show off your make-up skills...I’ve already seen a lot of people on their stories posting pictures of them in Joker makeup.”

Sophia Sareen, 4A Biomedical Sciences

“I think the most common Halloween costume will be something related to Game of Thrones because it just ended this year, and I’m pretty sure some people are still in the spirit.”

Renee Leung, 3B Computer Science

“I think the most popular Halloween costume this year will be bubble tea.”

Michael Francis, 1A Management Engineering

“I think the most common Halloween costume will be animals, like cats, dogs, bunnies, or a devil or angel.”

Benny So, 2A Civil Engineering

“Probably Joker, to be honest.”
Divestment: Investing in the future

The university invested at least $65 million in fossil fuel companies as of 2017. UW’s total investments reached nearly $2 billion, which included over $355 million in endowment funds and $1.5 billion in pension funds.

UW cited fiduciary responsibility as the main reason why the institution could not divest from fossil fuels. However, the Graduate Students’ Association (GSA) at UW has already divested from fossil fuels, as well as Laval University, University of Ottawa and several pension funds in Canada.

Divestment is when an organization sells all their held investments from another party. In this case, divestment would be due to ethical concerns of the other party in relation to their stance on environmental, social, and corporate governance, also known as ESG factors.

Divesting enables a company to not only take a public stance on a certain issue, but also ensures that their money is being used to benefit other organizations that align with their beliefs and values.

Fossil fuel divestment, in particular, relates specifically to the fossil fuel industry.

Pooled endowment funds have become a point of sensitivity in the divestment debate.

When the Faculty of Environment Endowment Fund voted to divest from fossil fuel companies in 2015, they were unable to do so because their fund — paid for by UW students — was combined into a lump sum.

Michael Beauchemin, President of WUSA, stated that the Graduate Students’ Association, also known as the GSA, was likely at a lower risk of backlash if they divested.

“The problem is that... the GSA was able to divest because they run on a smaller scale, and if they lose a little bit of money on the investments it’s not a huge deal,” said Beauchemin.

Seneca Velling, WUSA VP Operations and Finance, explained that another potential reason why UW has failed to divest is because doing so isn’t protected under Ontario law and could therefore, lead to a potential lawsuit.

“[Back then], the Government of Ontario passed a law that said, ‘Fiduciaries, directors, governors, similar, could divest funds to boycott South Africa, to oppose apartheid. No such legislation exists on the environment,’” Velling said.

Velling also stated some legal risks that UW might face, should they divest from the fossil fuels industry.

“So if it’s a fiduciary — the director, or a governor of a board, or a non-profit — this charter does not emphasize that [environmental preservation] is a goal that divests funds, and the fund loses money. One of the benefactors of that fund could sue the Board of Directors or Board of Governors and win,” he said.

“So until Ontario is willing to stand up and take a stance and say, ‘We will not penalize to divest’, there is a very big legal risk of divesting.”

Velling agreed that something needed to be done to pressure UW to divest.

“In apartheid, the way we solved it is that the Ontario government passed a law and said, ‘You can... divest money to boycott South Africa’, and we should do the same,” said Velling.

“Something similar should be done in our province’s legislatures.”

“As time goes on, fossil fuels are becoming a less and less viable investment, and that green energies and companies that implant green activity are actually performing better financially,” Michael Beauchemin, President of WUSA, said.

UW stated in response to a June 2018 report by the Responsible Investment Working Group that they now take ESG factors into account when investing. However, their statements failed to specify when they planned to implement ESG factors.

UW did not consider which ESG factors into their investing decisions before the report was released.

There are several ways that students are pushing for divestment.

One method is emailing the councillors at WUSA and ask them to put forward a motion at the next Students’ Council Meeting to adopt an official stance that UW should divest from fossil fuel companies.

Velling stated that students should also demand the councillors to put forward a motion.

“[Students need to] lobby the provincial government so directors and governors on boards can more easily divest without legal ramifications or personal liability,” he said.

Finally, students could join Fossil Free UW in their campaign to push UW towards fossil fuel divestment.

The club meets on Wednesdays in RCH 212 between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The UW Board of Governors will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 29 to vote if UW will join the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment, or UNPRI.

Fossil Free UW will also meet with the Board of Governors to campaign UW towards making climate change the institution’s first priority under its ESG policy, as well as cutting down emissions by 2030 in alignment with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change from the United Nations.
Review: Jesus is King

Jansher Saeed
Reporter

Over the past year, Kanye West has managed to assert himself as an outspoken media personality shrouded by a cloud of controversies. His support for Donald Trump, his announced run for president, and even falsely stating that slavery is a choice. Despite the chaos, he managed to drop some of the year’s most critically acclaimed albums.

Kanye then announced the release of a full-length album Yandhi—only, it was never released. Instead, after a year of delay, and final touches being added to the album hours before its release time, Kanye dropped his ninth full-length release: Jesus is King.

The title itself hints at Kanye’s personal transformation through Christianity, which is heavily reflected in lyrics such as, “I bow down to the king upon the throne,” and the beautifully orchestrated choir reminiscent of his Sunday Service performances.

The album opens with a futuristic and ominous organ instrumental in his song “Selah” and appears to set the tone for the rest of the album. A robust drum set echoing Kanye’s religious epiphany and passion for his Christian belief. The organ instrumental is representative of the voice of God and carries throughout the song before making way for the unified and powerful harmonies of the Sunday Service choir.

A few songs reflect a similar creative approach such as the euphoric production on the track “On God,” the track “God Is,” with its beautiful use of a sample of the same name by James Cleveland draped with Kanye’s tranquil vocals, the simple beat on “Use this Gospel,” translating the simple message of religion with Kanye’s own autotuned choir vocals and the fantastic lyrical on the verse by Clipse.

Still, the album falls short in many respects. Either it leaves the listener wanting more or does not accomplish what it set out to do. For one, the album is meant to be representative of a humble approach to religion but features a more egotistical view as Kanye compares his own ridicule against the hardships of Jesus Christ in ‘On God,’ insisting “that’s why I charge the prices that I charge.”

There are also instances of bad lyricism such as “closed on Sunday, you’re my chick-fi-A” (like seriously), which divert the listener’s attention from the seriousness of the message. The song “Water” features sporadic production, which contradicts the smooth flow and message behind the lyrics.

But the album does present more nuanced instances of creative potential that should have grown out throughout this album. This includes the unsettling production on the track “Hands On,” which, unfortunately, never develops in terms of sound. The track “Everything We Need” features a beautiful vocal harmony by Ty Dolla Sign but is otherwise lackluster.

Overall, the album presents the image of a Gospel album by featuring choirs and references to Jesus Christ with a few fantastic songs such as “Selah,” but the album reflects more of Kanye’s egotistical interpretation of religion and contradicts the humble approach he seemingly intends.

The album was a refreshing new approach for Kanye and one that makes creative use of instrumental such as the transition from organ pipes representing to saxophones, which represent reflection and introspection but lacks the consistency to hold together Kanye’s interpreted message of religion. 7/10.

Reading week is over — now what?

Elyase Abo
Reporter

Reading Week is over, now what? As students, we all can’t believe reading week is over already. We look back at our week-long adventures, plans, and studying, and wish we had a little bit more time. However, now that we are back, we must look forward and see what the next months hold for us as students with academics and fun events.

Here is a glimpse of important academic deadlines and upcoming events happening on campus and in the Kitchener-Waterloo area.

Let’s start off with academics, Oct. 31 is the last day to become fees arranged. Check out Quest or speak to the Student Financial services if you have any questions. Next term’s class schedules will be available as of Nov. 14 on Quest.

Additionally, for all students, the add/drop period for the Winter Term runs from Nov. 18 to 19. So, don’t forget to check in on Quest and see your individual appointment time. For all co-op students the interview cycle is still ongoing so keep checking WaterlooWorks for any interview dates. Make sure to check important co-op dates for job postings and ranking periods.

When December hits, all classes end as of Dec. 3. Remember to check the dates for your examination days. On-campus exams officially begin on Dec. 6 and end on Dec 21st. As a reminder, make sure you listen in lectures for your full exam details.

Academics are important, but everyone deserves to have some fun. November and December mark the last couple of weeks we have left on campus and for some in Kitchener-Waterloo before the holidays.

Thrive 2019 has begun. Join UW students as they rep their warrior gear and walk around King Road to support those living with mental health on campus. Thrive is holding more events this November.

Campus is not the only place with all the fun, Kitchener-Waterloo also has a lot to offer. For poetry, short stories, and everything in between, join Words Worth Books from Nov. 1 to 3 in celebrating writers’ works during the Wild Writers Festival.

Also, St. Jacobs is holding its annual holiday shopping event of the season, “St. Jacobs Sparkles” from Nov. 14 to Nov. 17. Enjoy unique merchants, free horse-drawn carriage rides, treats, and music while getting into the holiday spirit.

Lastly, you can’t embrace the full Christmas season without going to a Christmas market. Christkindlmarket on 200 King St, Kitchener has you covered from Dec. 5 to 8. Invite your friends and explore over 95 vendors, watch shows, and join in the tree lighting, and so much more.

That is a wrap with some events on campus and in town. Remember to stay on top of important academic dates but also treat yourself and have some fun.
Hallowe’en Punch

Anicka Besos
Reporter

Ingredients
1 litre bottle of ginger ale
1 litre bottle of cranberry juice
1 can of pineapple juice
2 disposable plastic gloves

Method
1. Wash the plastic gloves well.
2. Fill the gloves with drinking water and secure the ends with elastics.
3. Place the gloves on a baking tray so they lay flat with no folds and store in the freezer until you are ready to serve the punch.
4. In a large punch bowl combine the ginger ale, the cranberry juice and the pineapple juice.
5. When ready to serve, run the gloves under warm water just to loosen the ice a bit.
6. Place the frozen hands in the punch to scare/impress your guests!

Creepy Shirley Temples

Vishal Lilman
Reporter

Ingredients
8 ounces of Ginger Ale, Lemon Lime soda, or a 50/50 mix of both drinks
½ - ¾ ounce of Grenadine
1-2 Maraschino Cherries
1 liqueur shot syringe
1 beaker (400 mL volume)

Method
1. Fill the beaker with the soda
2. Fill a shot syringe with ½ - ¾ ounces of Grenadine
3. Add cherries to the beaker
4. Place the grenadine-filled syringe in the beaker for guests to ‘inject’ into the Creepy Shirley Temple!

Tip: For an adult version, add 1-2 ounces berry vodka and/or orange liqueur

Calaveray
a sugar skull gifted to children on the Day of the Dead

As we speak, the veil is lifting between worlds. Spirits are coming in contact with us like prank calls from a fake friend. The night is sleeping with one eye open, winking at thousands of crows; the black veil worn by nuns in marriage. A candle is slipping out of the jack-o’-lantern’s mouth, as if from a vending machine, white, warm, flying sugar, can you give me my skull? And the dream of your teeth falling out comes true.

Jessica Van de Kemp
Reign of Terror

Shubhangi Raj

The night has entered its deepest sights,
Uncanny, lost, amidst the brightest lights.
’Tis the time to shake the hidden world,
Let it take its form - indefinite, absurd.
Lifeless trees and morose greenery,
Grim-Trim liquids, glum scenery,
Still. Quiet. Awaiting the command!
To rip off every colour, every breath apart.
Rise thou you... the lord of black!
The world is chanting for you to come back.
The thrown is ready for you to adorn,
For the world is no longer a place of souls!
Rain upon them your catastrophic devastation!
It’s time for the cynical seeds to be sown.
With this full moon, the prophecy comes alive,
Mightier gets the terror, weaker gets the light.
Old scars and wounds will be seen again;
Pain they will, as they did; Insane
It shall be your world tonight,
Your rules and your moves until daylight.
Rise thou you... the lord of black!
The world is chanting for you to come back.
Facing off against homelessness

Varun Venkataramanan
Sports Editor

After a lengthy 22-season career where he amassed over 2,200 penalty minutes and lifted the Stanley Cup, Brad May now dedicates a large portion of his post-NHL time towards Hockey Helps the Homeless (HHTH).

“I’m a former NHL player... I’ve lived a privileged life, but there are people in Canada who are sleeping on the streets. If we as a community don’t do our part to end homelessness, we’re just a part of the problem,” May said.

Founded in 1996, HHTH is a charitable organization that hosts all-day pro-am and collegiate level hockey tournaments in various cities across Canada. Players are required to raise at least $500 each, with the funds staying local to benefit homeless support agencies.

This year was HHTH’s sixth in the KW region and was hosted at RIM Park on Oct. 25. The tournament surpassed its goal, raising over $235,000.

The money will be divided between Lutheran’s Safe Haven Shelter, House of Friendship’s Charles Street Men’s Shelter, oneRoof Youth Services, and UW K-W.

There were 16 teams in the tournament with 15 players each.

Every team was sponsored by a different local business, including Manulife Financial, Activa, and Parkway Ford. Team HockTech led the way, raising over $40,000 for the tournament.

Paul Reitzel, a member of the organizing committee for the tournament, praised the fundraising drive of the players.

“The participants are only required to raise $500, but almost all of them raise much more than that. They do a great job of spreading the word and getting the whole community involved,” he said.

What differentiates HHTH from other charity hockey games is its “be-a-pro” experience. Participants are treated like professional hockey players the entire day; they check-in at the bag drop, walk into dressing rooms with all their gear set up, and even receive a complimentary lunch.

Each team was also joined by at least one former NHL player. This year’s tournament was headlined by May, Gary Leeman, John Scott, Nik Antropov, Todd Bertuzzi, and Raffi Torres.

For the amateurs in the tournament, this gives them a chance to skate alongside some of their favourite hockey players and listen to unique stories in the locker rooms.

Scott, was initially drawn to the organization for its be-a-pro experience and who supported HHTH for three years.

“It’s class from top to bottom. The [amateurs] are all huge fans of the game... and the experience of being treated like a professional is what makes this so special,” he said.

HHTH has 14 more stops on its 2019-20 tour, and will be in Calgary next on Nov. 1.

Warriors find success in playoffs

Varun Venkataramanan
Sports Editor

Despite being very young, the 2019-20 OUA season has already seen UW’s sports teams capture the attention of many across the province.

Some teams built off the success of their last season, while others were fueled by new rookies who have taken their teams to new heights. But no matter the path, the final result has been the same: success.

Last year, UW quarterback Tre Ford was named OUA MVP after setting the OUA record with a 74.1 completion percentage. Ford has been just as dominant en route to the playoffs this year, throwing for 2,383 yards and 16 touchdowns.

This year, Ford has received help from running back Dion Pellerin, who has taken a leap in his fourth year and shown he is capable of taking over games on his own.

Ford, Pellerin, and the rest of the Warriors’ football team took on the University of Ottawa Gee-Gees on Oct. 25 for their OUA quarterfinal matchup. UW’s offence dominated from the opening kickoff, scoring early and often en route to a 44-21 victory.

The Warriors’ defense, which had been the team’s weakness all season, stifled the Gee-Gees’ attack. Most notable was linebacker Kurtis Gray, who had two sacks, a pass breakup, and a 76-yard pick-six in the fourth quarter which sealed the victory.

The Warriors advanced to the OUA semifinals and will take on the undefeated Western Mustangs on Nov. 2 in London. When the two teams met earlier this season, Western just squeaked by with a 45-42 victory at home.

Goalkeeper Marley Downum turned away every shot she faced and Miranda Hunter scored the game’s only goal on a penalty corner in the third quarter.

With almost every player returning next season, the Warriors have their sights set on capturing the gold medal.

UW’s women’s cross country team joined in on the OUA success, as rookie Izzy Thornton-Bott finished in fifth place at the OUA Championships in Hamilton.

She ran the 8 km course in 28:26, helping the team to a sixth place finish. It was the team’s best finish in over a decade.

Thornton-Bott was named the OUA Female Rookie of the Year and a first-team all-star for her outstanding performance this season.

The cross country team will travel to Kingston in two weeks for the U Sports National Championship meet.
Queerheltlth: Taking down sexism and homophobia in healthcare

Julie Kathryn Daugavietis
Reporter

When a young woman was wrongly denied medical treatment on the basis of her sexuality, she decided to take action and create the social media platform, Queerheltlth, according to the site’s founder.

The website is intended to bring members of the LGBTQ2S+ community together to share their stories of discriminatory and degrading experiences at the hands of medical professionals.

“I created a website where people can share their stories anonymously. This site is designed to help those who have no other outlet, no place where they feel comfortable sharing their experiences. It allows them to tell the world the realities of accessing healthcare as a member of the LGBTQ2S+ community,” the anonymous founder said online.

A few years ago, the woman was referred to a Toronto clinic for a transvaginal ultrasound. At the clinic, she said she was told she wouldn’t be able to have the scan because she had never had sex with a man. Queerheltlth’s founder said the clinic forced her to leave without receiving the medical care she was prescribed.

“In this fantasy world that the technicians were living in, only straight, sexually active women [were] entitled to know the state of their internal organs. Everyone else [could] deal with the unknown. And the fact that at least three people in that clinic alone believe this to be true tells me that this practice is more widespread than any of us care to admit,” the woman wrote.

The woman said she returned to her doctor, who claimed there was no issue since her external ultrasound came back normal. Queerheltlth’s founder said the doctor made no attempt to help her receive the scan he initially referred her for.

The woman said she put up with her health issues for a few more years before visiting a new clinic where she received better medical care. Unfortunately, she was referred for another ultrasound at the clinic that she said had mistreated her.

She went with hope that a new technician would perform the scan but was once again said she was refused due her status as a ‘ virgin’. The woman explained that she wasn’t straight, but was allegedly still refused.

“I haven’t had sex with a man, we can’t do this. It’s legislation,” the technician said, according to the founder.

When she asked to speak to the manager, the woman said the technician returned with a proposal: she could either insert the probe herself or have the exam performed rectally.

There was no medical reason for her to be refused a transvaginal ultrasound, she said, and it is not legislation either. This is because there is no cognizable difference between a body that has or hasn’t had vaginal sex.

“The word ‘virgin’ has no place in medicine and healthcare professionals need to understand that. Any medical procedure that requires the individual to have had penile-vaginal sex disproportionately affects the queer community,” the woman tweeted.

The woman said she was eventually able to find another clinic that would properly perform the ultrasound, but the humiliation of her encounters stayed with her.

She proceeded to write to the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario. Within a few months, a mediation session with the clinic was arranged and her case was settled.

The woman said she was eventually diagnosed with endometriosis—a diagnosis that took 15 years.

She finally had access to the healthcare she needed, but knew there were others who had been mistreated just as she was. This realization led to the creation of Queerheltlth.

“I believe this is an important issue for young people who may not have the experience or knowledge with the medical profession to know how to deal with being denied healthcare,” the woman said. “Women and girls lose so much study time to undiagnosed menstrual issues, which can have a huge impact on the rest of their life.”

The site also features information about endometriosis, a debilitating condition among women that is extremely under-diagnosed. The average woman with endometriosis takes eight years to be diagnosed.

“I hope that by empowering individuals to share their personal experiences and making these stories public, we can work toward building a healthcare system that’s accessible to all.”
12TH ANNUAL WARRIORS THINK PINK

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1
Men’s Hockey vs Laurier
7:00pm, CIF Arena
» Staff and Faculty Appreciation Day

» Warrior Rec League Night
First 5 Intramural teams to rsvp athcpnk@uwaterloo.ca will receive a free pizza party.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Volleyball vs. Brock,
(W) 6pm, (M) 8pm, PAC Main Gym
» Camp and Warrior Night
First 10 youth teams to rsvp jmackay@uwaterloo.ca will receive free tickets.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23
Warrior Rec 3-on-3 Indoor Soccer Tournament
$50/team
CIF Field House

» Domino’s Pizza

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23
Women’s Hockey vs. Toronto,
2:30pm, CIF Arena
» Minor League and Camp Day
Free admission for youth wearing their jerseys.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29
Basketball vs. Algoma,
(W) 6pm, (M) 8pm, PAC Main Gym
» Residence Day
» Warrior Rec League Night
First 5 Intramural teams to rsvp athcpnk@uwaterloo.ca will receive a free pizza party.
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» (W) Half Time : Airplane Toss

» (M) Half Time: Hair Cutting (interested in donating your hair? Contact jmackay@uwaterloo.ca)

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#WARRIORS CARE
Can I get a correction?

We want to be clear: the Imprint opinion article released on September 25 titled "Can I get a refund?" is not an accurate portrayal of our efforts to communicate the introduction of the Student Choice Initiative (SCI) to students at UW. The Imprint editor asserts that "[t]he system has changed, but bad someone forgot to tell students," and that, "their student union didn't think to tell them about opting out online."

Four emails to students, a new Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association (WUSA) webpage dedicated to information regarding these changes, three Reddit AMAs, social media messaging, stories on our site, and a poster campaign on campus all took place over the spring term to inform students of their options.

Simply put, both WUSA, and the Graduate Student Association (GSA) supported numerous efforts to inform and empower students at the University.

A quick search for "Student Choice Initiative" on wusa.ca shows results including "2019 Financial Changes," a new webpage that was created to outline the changes, cuts to OSAP, a 10 per cent reduction to tuition costs, and the Student Choice Initiative, which makes some of your student association fees optional, what they mean for students, what their options are, what WUSA is doing in response, and what students can do. "Optional Student Fees: What You Need to Know," an article from July with a self-explanatory title, and "Execl Answer Questions About Fees with Reddit AMA," which recapped the top questions students had about SCI and our responses.

The first question addressed in that article outlines that, "you can opt-out or opt-in as many times as you'd like during the billing payment period, but once the payment period ends you can no longer make any changes. If you've already paid your fee but would like to opt-out during the payment period, just make those changes on Quest and the money will be credited back into your student account."

"What's even less known is that if a student wants to use their legal service, or get a paying job on campus, they'll face additional screening," the editor wrote. But it's unclear why he thinks this would be unknown to students, when this information is presented to each student when they pay their tuition and fees on Quest. Detailed descriptions of each fee and information on the impacts of opting out of each fee are listed alongside their option to opt out.

"UW groups are now being asked to look up student numbers to see if they've paid the appropriate fee to ensure their eligibility for that service or job," the editor continues, calling it "identity screening," as if it's unusual to verify that you've paid for the service you wish to access. If you choose to not pay for a climbing gym membership at Grand River Rocks (GGR), for example, you're not eligible to access their facilities. If you head over to GGR, they'll check to see if you've paid membership fees. If you've paid, you're good to go climbing. If not, you have the option to pay, or not access their services.

This is not an uncommon process. If students don't want to access events, student-run services like Sustainable Campus Initiative and the Bike Centre, or clubs, they don't have to pay for them -- just like if they don't want to go to the climbing gym, they don't have to pay for it.

Should students choose to opt out of a fee, that is their choice, just as it was their right to democratically choose which services have been funded through their student association fees for the last five decades, through choosing their representatives, voting in the referendum, and participating in twice-yearly General Meetings.

To be clear, fees for services like mental health supports fall under Health and Safety and are considered mandatory by the government and are accessible to all undergrads.

The editor further claims that "[t]he only place for frustrated students is protesting in the street and advocating at the ballot box." Both WUSA and the GSA are advocacy organizations mandated to represent Waterloo students. We elevate the collective voice of student concerns to the University, the region, the province, and the federal government.

We can't stress enough how much we want students to take part in their student associations' advocacy efforts in order to effect the changes students want to see. Run for Students' Council or the Exec, vote in Referenda, engage at your General Meetings, reach out to the Exec directly on the issues that concern you.

There is power in numbers! The scary thing is that the most-at-risk from SCI is our ability to advocate for students: to represent the student voice and our concerns, to hold the government accountable, to take our future into our own hands and make our voices heard.

We are genuinely concerned that opinion pieces like this, that are both inaccurate and misleading, risk further weakening Waterloo students' ability to unite our voices, by sowing seeds of division where none exist.

We are disappointed and disheartened that our efforts to keep students informed have been so grossly misrepresented.

Instead of being divisive in the face of changes from the provincial government that have the potential to negatively impact students, we should be supporting each other's efforts to navigate and challenge this new reality, to communicate the value of options that are available and supporting students to make informed choices about their optional fees, and most importantly, to continue to advocate for a better student experience.
upcoming events

October 2019

For all of Uptown Waterloo Fall activities visit www.uptownwaterloobi.ca.

Savour in Stratford - Saturday morning Market from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Rotary Complex; and more! www.visistratford.com.

Unplug from screens. Connect with friends. Sing your faith. Chapel Choir meets Mondays and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Sign up for an audition at uwaterloo.ca/music/ensembles. No prep required. For more details ksteiner@uwaterloo.ca or 519-885-0220, ext 24226.

Gamelan - Join the World music ensemble or community gamelan. No experience required. For more info www.uwaterloo.ca/music/ensembles.

Choral and Ensemble auditions begin. Can be taken for credit (.25) or extracurricular activity. For more info www.uwaterloo.ca/music/ensembles.

Wednesday, October 30
Join us for the “Springdale Trio” performance playing Haydn, Beethoven, Bolt-Martin, McDonal at 8 p.m. at KW Chamber Music Society, 57 Young Street, W., Waterloo (walkable from campus). To reserve tickets contact jnarveso@uwaterloo.ca.

Sunday, November 3
KW Chamber Music presents "Mate Szuch - Violinist" at 8 p.m. at KW Chamber Music Society, 57 Young Street, W., Waterloo (walkable from campus). To reserve tickets/info contact jnarveso@uwaterloo.ca.

Tuesday, November 5
Join SVP Waterloo Region at Perfect Pitch where seven communities have three minutes to pitch a service that helps our community thrive. For tickets www.socialventurepartners.org/waterloo-region/perfect-pitch/.

Saturday, November 9
Love of Music Marathon at First United Church, King and William Streets, Waterloo, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Community gathering of 300 musicians. Drop in and enjoy the fun! For more info www.loveofmusicmarathon.com.

Tuesday, November 12
Coin collectors! The Waterloo Coin society monthly meeting will begin today at 6:30 p.m. at 510 Dutton Drive, Waterloo. Designer of D-Day $2 coin will be the special speaker. Door prizes, $50 lot auction ... all welcome! For info www.uwaterloocoinsociety.com or vicepresident@uwaterloocoinsociety.com.

Bereaved Families of Ontario - Midwestern Region, The Family Centre, 65 Hanson Ave., Suite 1042, Kitchener. We currently have a number of exciting volunteer opportunities. For more info, jaime@bfomidwest.org or 519-603-0196.

Become a Meals On Wheels volunteer! Call 519-772-8878 or www.communitysupportconnections.org/volunteer/apply.

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To those who never trick or treated

Across
1. Statics or chance
5. Dance made famous by *Fortnite*
8. Frankfurter
9. Molten rock
10. Texan battle site of 1836
11. Liam Neeson film franchise
12. Sound of a chicken
15. To gather
18. *Marvel* superheroine originally called “The Cat”
20. Method to talk to the dead
21. Home for the birds
23. A.K.A. Pumpkin or gourd
24. New or in-season
25. Arborist’s patient

Down
1. Nocturnal bird
2. Group of microalgae producing 20% of earth’s oxygen
3. Divine being in Buddhism, Jainism, and Hinduism
4. ____ ____ on a Plane (2006), David Ellis
5. Not quite a euro
6. French currency predating Euro
7. Person obsessed with anime and manga
10. A share in a company
13. Fastener securing a wheel to a vehicle
14. Ballet term; step, together, step
15. Reserved or reticent
16. Full of vigour and energy
17. Hidden storage
19. The back
22. Definite article

Caesar code: Europe
By Zhenzhen Gu, Jiayin Huang, Mingmei Huang

*In a Caesar cipher, the alphabet shifts by a certain number of letters. For example, with a shift of nine, A is replaced by j, B by k, C by l, and so on. Can you figure out these coded countries in Europe?*

1. XLFCETLYL;
2. XLFCETEPD;
3. GDWZMDV;
4. VGBZMDV;
5. IDBZMDV;

Find solutions to last week’s puzzle at uwinprint.ca.

Last week’s answer